

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Margaret Dayton, Senate Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Don L. Ipson
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Mr. Evan Curtis
Mr. David Damschen
Mr. Tage Flint
Mr. Jay Mark Humphrey
Ms. Voneene Jorgensen
Exec. Dir. Alan Matheson
Mr. Darrell H. Mensel

Mr. Joseph Paulick
Mr. Warren Peterson
Mr. Gene Shawcroft
Exec. Dir. Mike Styler
Mr. Ron Thompson
Mr. David Ure

Members Absent:

Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Comm. LuAnn Adams
Mr. Phil Dean
Mr. Dallin W. Jensen
Mr. Boyd Workman

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Katie LeFevre, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Rep. Grover and Commissioner Adams were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Briscoe absent for the vote.

2. Draft Legislation "Water Law – Nonuse Applications"

Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes distributed draft legislation "Water Law – Nonuse Applications" (2017FL-0468/005). He explained that the legislation addresses an injustice that may occur over water rights and nonuse applications. He responded to questions from the commission.

3. Empowering State Agencies to Manage Water Issues

Rep. Michael E Noel, Chair, Empowering State Agencies Working Group, discussed the efforts of the working group. He acknowledged the complexity of water rights issues and expressed his confidence in finding a solution.

Mr. Kent Jones, State Engineer, Division of Water Rights, explained the need to protect public water rights on federal land.

4. Commission Consultation with the Division and Board of Water Resources on Implementation of 2016 General Session S.B. 251, "Water Infrastructure Funding Amendments"

Mr. Gene Shawcroft, Chair, Water Infrastructure Funding Working Group, explained that the working group is planning its first meeting. Mr. Joseph Stu Paulick, Board of Water Resources, responded to questions from the commission.

Mr. Eric Millis, Director, Division of Water Resources, explained that Division of Water Resources is in the process of coordinating with the working group to implement 2016 General session S.B. 251, "Water Infrastructure Funding Amendments."

5. Draft Legislation "Agriculture Protection Area and Industrial Protection Area Amendments"

This item was not discussed.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.